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September 6, 2016

Ms. Gina McCarthy
Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Requested modification of EPA's UCMR 3 to require communities with populations of less than 10,000 to test water systems for PFOA

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I write advocating on behalf of the health, safety and well-being of my constituents residing in the Town of Hoosick, the Village of Hoosick Falls and the Town of Petersburg, located in the 43rd Senate District which I serve.

Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics, Honeywell International and Taconic Plastics are believed to have contaminated local water supplies with Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), a likely carcinogen. Credible studies have found linkage between heightened PFOA exposure and long-term, adverse health consequences including kidney cancer; testicular cancer; ulcerative colitis; thyroid disease; high cholesterol, and pregnancy-induced hypertension, among many other serious health ailments.

In addition to these potential negative health impacts, the PFOA water contamination crisis in Hoosick, Hoosick Falls and Petersburg has caused fear and anxiety, as well as imposing significant financial costs and burdens on local families and local governments. Without question, government – at all levels – must do more – and do better – regarding efforts to ensure safe drinking water and regulating exposure to toxic chemicals such as PFOA that threaten public health and safety.

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As noted in your agency's *Drinking Water Health Advisory for Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)* issued in May 2016, the EPA included PFOA in its third "Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule" (UCMR 3) requiring all large water systems serving populations more than 10,000 people, plus a statistically selected group of 800 small systems, to monitor for PFOA (among other unregulated contaminants) for a one-year period between 2013 and 2015.

However, due to their having populations of less than 10,000, the Town of Hoosick, the Village of Hoosick Falls and the Town of Petersburg were not included in the EPA's UCMR 3. If they had been included in this rule, the PFOA contamination now impacting these communities might have been detected, and responded to, much earlier.

In order to help safeguard the health and safety of local families, I formally request that the EPA modify its UCMR 3 to include communities with populations of less than 10,000 and to do so expeditiously. Going forward, an expansion of this important rule will further protect more communities from dangerous toxic contaminants such as PFOA.

I look forward to your prompt attention to this matter. Please call me at (518) 371-2751 if I may provide further information regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Marchione". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathy" and last name "Marchione" clearly legible.

Kathy Marchione
State Senator, 43rd District

CC: United States Senator Charles Schumer
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